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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADDED TEXT SECTION 2)

BEIJING PASS CHENGDU

DEPARTMENT FOR DRL (FARR); EUR/WE (MENNUTI); EAP/CM  
(KOEHLER)

NSC FOR K JARRETT

FROM EMBASSY VATICAN/MESSAGE NO. 188/01

E.O. 12958: DECL: 10/29/11

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SUBJECT: VATICAN PLAYS CHINA GAMBIT. AWAITS CHINA'S  
MOVE.

PRESIDENT HAD DELIVERED A STRONG MESSAGE IN SUPPORT OF  
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND HAD PRIVATELY ASKED PRC  
PRESIDENT JIANG ZEMIN TO RESUME DIALOGUE WITH THE  
VATICAN, CELLI, ESPECIALLY ATTENTIVE, SOLICITED AN  
URGENT READ-OUT ON JIANG ZEMIN'S RESPONSE. HE REPEATED  
THIS REQUEST AT MEETING'S CLOSE.

[17](#). (C) ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY REQUESTS GUIDANCE AND  
TALKING POINTS IN RESPONSE TO VATICAN APPEAL FOR A  
READOUT ON PRESIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS IN SHANGHAI AND  
USG APPRAISAL OF PRC REACTIONS TO THIS PAPAL  
INITIATIVE.  
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